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MAUI'S BANK MERGER

Merger and consolidation of the Bank of Maui and the Baldwin carries a greater importance and a deeper meaning and significance than the mere uniting of two important business enterprises. It is not merely that two strong and stable financial institutions are united into one that is still stronger and far more stable. It is not simply a "business deal" for its results will extend all through the affairs of the community and solidify them as nothing else could do. Maui has taken pride in its community spirit and enterprise and from now on it will have a reason greater than ever for satisfaction in its solidarity.

Maui's two financial institutions have conducted their affairs in the past with a minimum amount of friction and a remarkable freedom from jealousies and discords. Interests of two rival institutions cannot help but conflict from time to time and so it must have been that such conflicts of interests have arisen from time to time, but if they did so arise there was no fuss or furor. While there has naturally been rivalry there has been little or no bitterness evidenced in such rivalry. Both banks have grown and prospered and the interests of both have been steadily extended. Naturally they have at times entered the same fields of endeavor. The absence of discord between them has been in notable contrast with some other communities. As often as occasion has required each institution has put the affairs of the community as of first and major importance.

However, wherever any friction whatever exists conditions are bettered by the elimination of it. So will it be on Maui as a result of the merger. To the outsider it has looked as if nothing could be done to bring any further unification of community interest on the Valley Isle, but one thing has been found and it has been done.

In Island business affairs the new bank will hold a position of far greater business importance than has or could either alone. In home affairs there is an institution big enough and substantial and strong enough to handle them. Under any and all lights and in every aspect, the bank merger will prove a splendid factor for Maui's continued and more rapid development in all directions.

UNTO THE LEAST OF THEM

Just mauka of Malulani hospital, back from the Wailuku-Kahului road is a building going up. That building is to be a home for otherwise homeless, parentless little children, a place of refuge for them from hunger and want. There they will have their material wants cared for and will be brought up in clean, comfortable and healthful surroundings.

For the building of that home some ten thousand dollars has been supplied. The architect has prepared the drawing, plans and specifications and is supervising the work without a view of profit. The Kahului Railroad is furnishing the building materials practically at cost. The county has given some old material that is being used, the salvage from old hospital buildings. The building contractor has made a very low tender. The site has been supplied by Bishop Libert. But there has not yet been enough money raised to complete the building and to equip it. More than half has been raised. About \$10,000 more is necessary. There is to be a drive for the funds the middle of next month, a drive for a home for homeless kiddies. Maui has started the project and now is the time to carry it through.

If a homeless orphan is found on Maui it now has to be sent to some institution in Honolulu. If a child is taken from improper surroundings and associations, there is no place for it to go on this Island. If a father is left with a motherless child and would like to keep his little one where he can see it occasionally, there is no suitable place on Maui, he must send it away to some institution or trust it to the care of some neighbor during the day while he works where it may or may not have suitable attention. To meet those needs, the home is designed and will be conducted.

Repeatedly this paper has called attention to the need of such a home. But the hopes of those who have worked for and urged it are near realization. It is not a large sum that is required. The persons who contribute to its cost of building, the more persons will feel a personal interest and sense of ownership in it.

Every cent contributed is given "unto the least of them," not a charity but in the payment of a debt that society and every member of the social system owes to the wards of society.

DELEGATE BALDWIN'S DECISION

The Republican cause in the general election campaign has been powerfully reinforced by the decision of Delegate Harry Baldwin to remain in Hawaii until after November 7 to campaign for Senator John H. Wise, candidate for delegate.

Mr. Baldwin's best friends would never accuse him of being a forceful orator, but he has an uncommonly large fund of common sense and holds the confidence of the people of Hawaii to an unusual degree. The value of his personal services in the campaign cannot be overestimated.

The poison gas squad has been spreading a report that Mr. Baldwin is not squarely behind Senator Wise, or that at the most he is lukewarm in his support of the Republican candidate. And this despite the fact that Mr. Baldwin has been repeatedly quoted as believing that Wise is the man best equipped for the office.

Mr. Baldwin knows what conditions are at Washington and he knows the very favorable impression that Senator Wise has made on members of congress and department heads. He knows that of the two men in the race for the delegateship, Wise has all the advantage in the one thing that will count—ability to obtain legislation essential to the best interests of Hawaii.

Mr. Baldwin knows these things, and by personally telling them to the voters of Hawaii he will do much to dispel misunderstandings which have been carefully cultivated for the benefit of others.

An attempt has also been made to discredit the great work of the Hawaiian Homes Commission in the rehabilitation of the Hawaiian race. The Democrats at first planned a general attack on the rehabilitation project, but sensing that this would be an unpopular move, they have descended to a futile sharpshooting of criticism against the work.

Mr. Baldwin is personally acquainted with what has been done and is being done on Molokai, and he knows in detail the history of the rehabilitation movement. Here again his views will be of deep interest to many voters.

Mr. Baldwin is an excellent citizen and he has acted with a full sense of his responsibilities in deciding on the course he has adopted.—Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

UNDER THE SLEDGE

By "SPIKE"

We note the humane officer in Hilo runs a daily ad giving his telephone number. Business must be rushing.

A swell "out" for the under dog.

They're talking about putting a side door in Kilauea again. Hot stuff.

Pele went away once when a similar stunt was tried. We trust she doesn't elect to use the new entrance when it is completed.

Things To Worry About In Hawaii,

Shortage of coal on the mainland.

Railroad strikes.

Price of summer or any other kind of furs.

Lack of derby hats.

Inability to buy diamonds.

The last item is cribbed from an Island sheet which comments, "Diamond Shortage Reported In London." Bad news like that certainly lends color to the Zionist theory that the universe is going to the bow-wows.

Bill Hohenzollern, erstwhile kink of Germany, has foresworn privacy and is now wearing pink shirts with collar attached for the edification of the Hollandese, says the Hilo Tribune through a London Mail correspondent.

For ways that are dark and tricks that are vain—
The deposed kaiserree is a lulu.

Texas Tommy, an "educated" young horse at the fair rodeo, exhibited a number of fancy stunts including a dance that Jack Burroughs said was the hula. This feature of the entertainment didn't seem to impress the grandstand so much because Tommy moved the feet.

Of course it's barely possible Tommy was off of the tourist hula as per the suggestion of Mayor Cryer of Los Angeles, et al.

The smallest thing in the world, surpassing even the well known atom, is a knot hole in a world series fence. We can think of something even smaller,—if we listen to the advertising man—an excuse for not buying display space. (This is purely a business office item—S.)

Page Ned Crabbe.

At the showing of "Kempy" in Kahului a line in the play runs, as well as we can recall, "the prohibition officer will get you." "Not much danger," said a voice in the rear of the house. "I can see him from here and he don't look to me like he's on duty."

What Was The Name of That Frawley Play?

Women are forbidden by act of the British Government to go into mines as engineers. Some of them seem to be fairly familiar with the fine art of extracting precious minerals, however, overseas men have been heard to observe.

Those mainlanders who are never able to learn that Hawaii is a part of the United States or to know whether the Islands are a part of the Philippines or the Fijis must have been more than ever puzzled when they saw headlines telling of the City of Honolulu burning at sea.

King Baseball is going on his annual vacation and has turned his crown over to Football to be regent for a few weeks. Football is a great and splendid strenuous game that brings all the manliness that is in a chap to the surface where it can be seen. It is the quintessence of team machinery and discipline and a splendid training in life for a young man. Maui is to have its league and its games and last year's attendance at games augurs for an even more successful season this year.

From all directions come letter commending Maui News recent Fair number. One from Charley Merrill, librarian of the Star-Bulletin says: "It is above what I expected it to be. Had it been otherwise it would not have been in keeping with past Maui endeavors. When Maui starts to do something it always seems to climb the pole about six feet above the liberty cap. You surely climbed this time! Congratulations."

Anything that is worth doing is worth doing for Maui.

Governor Farrington still insists he had a "delightful" trip from Maui to Honolulu. He always was a good sport and now we have to crown him with a laurel wreath as the chief optimist of Hawaii.

Alexander Hume Ford is about to stage another one of his conferences and again Hawaii is to learn that Ford has been doing bigger things than it had expected. These Islands never can, it seems, grasp the importance of what Ford is doing until one of his conventions is at least half over.

Theater goers have been given a genuine treat this week. It would be difficult to get together another so well balanced company with a better repertoire than the Frawley players. Miss Adele Blood is talented and has a rare charm besides her beauty.

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